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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **Michel SCHNEIDER**, residing at 35 route d'Annecy, CH-1256 Troinex, Switzerland; **Philippe BUSSAT**, residing at 46 allée du Saleve, FR-74160 Feigères, France; **Feng YAN**, residing at 7 chemin des Champs Gottreux, CH-1216 Grand Lancy, Switzerland; **Anne SENENTE**, residing at 15 Rue des Mouettes, CH-1227 Carouge, Switzerland, all citizens of **FRANCE** (hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNORS"), have invented a certain improvement in **GAS-FILLED MICROVESICLE ASSEMBLY FOR CONTRAST IMAGING**, described in a U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application, the specification of which:

☒ [X] is about to be filed in the United States Patent Office;

☐ [] was filed on _____ as Non-Provisional Application No. _____;

☒ [X] was filed on December 21, 2004 as International Application No. PCT/IB2004/004230.

WHEREAS, we, **Michel SCHNEIDER, Philippe BUSSAT, Feng YAN and Anne SENENTE** hereby authorize and request our attorney, M. Caragh Noone, of Bracco Research USA Inc., 305 College Road East, Princeton, NJ 08540, to insert here:

☐ [] Application number _____, filed _____.

the filing date and application number of said application when known:

WHEREAS, **BRACCO RESEARCH SA** (hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation having an office and its principle place of business **31 Route de la Galaise, CH-1228 Plan-les-Ouates, Switzerland** desires to obtain the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the improvements and the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for and in consideration of said agreements and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, our entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America, its territories and all foreign countries, in and to said invention as described in said Non-Provisional application, together with our entire right, title and interest in and to said Non-Provisional application and such Letters Patent as may issue on said invention; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE for its own use and behalf and for its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made; we hereby convey all rights arising under or pursuant to any and all international agreements, treaties or laws relating to the protection of industrial property by filing any such applications for Letters Patent. We hereby acknowledge that this

assignment, being of our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, carries with it the right in ASSIGNEE to apply for and obtain from competent authorities in all countries of the world any and all Letters Patent by attorneys and agents of ASSIGNEE's selection and the right to procure the grant of all such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE for its own name as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein;

AND, we hereby further agree for ourselves and our executors and administrators to execute upon request any other lawful documents and likewise to perform any other lawful acts which may be deemed necessary to secure fully the aforesaid invention to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, but at its or their expense and charges, including the execution of applications for patents in foreign countries, and the execution of any nonprovisional applications including substitution, reissue, divisional or continuation applications and preliminary or other statements and the giving of testimony in any interference or other proceeding in which said invention or any application or patent directed thereto may be involved;

AND, we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said invention to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

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